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A PSALM of Thanksgiving, to be Sung by the Children of *Christ's-Hospital*, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Easter-week, (according to ancient custom) for their Founders and Benefactors. 1686.

VERSE I. A 3 Voc. Cantu Prima & Bassa.

5. April. 1686.

Monday.

CHRIST, rising from the Grave, hath crown'd this season of the Year: when cloth'd with Flow'rs the fertile Ground in Beauty doth appear.

Dead Winter's past, in ev'ry thing a Re-sur-re-ction's shewn: and pi-ty 'tis all else should spring, but our dead Hearts a--lone.

Youth is a sprouting season too, the Spring of all our days: let's then put forth our strength, to shew our great Creator's praise.

CHORUS.
Chris't, our great Head, is from the Dead now ri-sen to a Throne: from his great Name, our Hou's Fame is to its Greatest grown.

This Chorus is to be Sung by all the Children, and repeated after every Verse.

VERSE II.
While *Belia's* Sons God's Holy Name with Oaths and Curfes rend,
That Names due Honour to proclaim, our Songs shall still ascend.
But let Men know, that all their praise to Heav'n can nothing add;

God's Happiness they do not raise, while they themselves make glad.
When from bea' Hearts those perfumes rise, may this our boastings choak,
'Tis God finds all the Gums and Spice, and Men find but the smoak.
Chorus. *Christ, our, &c.*

Tuesday.

VERSE III.
Though Men can nothing add to God, They to his Children may
By wealth in Charity bestow'd, relief and help convey:
For ORPHANS, in their tender years, Our Benefactors Great,
Provided (as in us appears,) Cloaths, Lodging, Drink and Meat;
And what is more, Food for the mind, Learning and Vertue both:
Renounce we then (as they design'd,) Ingratitude and Sloth.
Chorus. *Christ, our, &c.*

VERSE IV.
Let's learn to work with industry, which will improve us more,
Enlarge our FOUNDERS Charity, Enrich our Countries Store.
He that at first made all things right, (the Universal cause,)
Fram'd them in Number, Measure, Weight, by Mathematick Laws.
Thence did King *Charles* the Pattern draw, of 's Mathematick School,
To shew by Reason and by Law, he meant his Realm's to Rule.
Chorus. *Christ, our, &c.*

Wednes.

VERSE V.
OUR King, who wears Three glorious Crowns, means some of us should
Those lines of Heav'n, which do the bounds of his great Empire show:
Ne'er may his Line on Earth decay, while Sun and Moon endure,
But us from Foreign Foes away, and from our selves secure!
That while Tempestuous Stormes do all the World abroad annoy,
Our Island, City, Hospital, may *Holycroft* Days enjoy!
Chorus. *Christ, our, &c.*

VERSE VI.
And may all Parts where Christians dwell, thus *Christ's* great triumphs
All Hail! Of Heaven, of Earth, of Hell, Thou Universal King!
His Triumphs ore the Grave, declare our Bodies Conqu'ring it;
And Souls though dead in sins they were, thence life and conquest get.
Then may we too with *Christ* arise, and seek the things above,
And raise our Hearts beyond the Skies, unto the God of Love!
Chorus. *Christ, our, &c.*

A true REPORT of the great number of poor Children, and other poor People, Maintained in the several HOSPITALS, under the pious Care of the LORD MAYOR, Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of LONDON, the Year last past.

Christ's-Hospital.

Children put forth Apprentices, and discharged out of *Christ's-Hospital*, the year last past 87, Ten whereof being instructed in the MATHEMATICKS and NAVIGATION, were placed forth Apprentices to Commanders of Ships out of the *Mathematical-School*, Founded by the late King's Majesty, of Blessed Memory.

Children buried the year last past 15

Children now remaining under the Care and Charge of the said Hospital, which are kept in the House, and at Nurse elsewhere, 577 and 785

108 newly admitted, amounting in all to

The Names of all which are Registered in the Books kept in the said Hospital, and are to be seen, as also when and whence they were admitted.

Which being so many in number, and the Charge of keeping them very great, (and being still depressed by the very great loss which was sustained by the late dreadful Fire, it is not doubted but many worthy and good Christians will liberally assist toward to usefull and beneficial a Charity: The stated and certain Revenue of the said Hospital amounting to very little more than a Moiety of their necessary and unavoidable Charge.

S. Bartholomew's-Hospital.

Here have been cured in the Hospital of *S. Bartholomew* the year last past, of Wounded, Sick, and Maimed Souldiers and Sea-men, and other diseased Persons, from several parts of the Dominions of the King's Most Excellent Majesty, and from Foreign Parts; many of which have been Relieved with Monies, and other Necessaries at their departure, though (as it hath pleased God) the greatest part of the Revenues of the said Hospital was consumed by the late dreadful Fire.

S. Thomas-Hospital.

Here have been Cured in the Hospital of *S. Thomas* the year last past of Wounded, Sick, and Maimed Souldiers and Sea-men, and other diseased Persons, from several parts of the Dominions of the King's Most Excellent Majesty, and from Foreign Parts; many of which have been relieved with Monies and other Necessaries at their departure, though (as it hath pleased God) the greatest part of the Revenues of the said Hospital was consumed by the late dreadful Fire which happened in September, 1666. in May, 1676. and in June, 1681.

Buried this year after much Charge in the time of their Sickness 209

Remaining under Cure at the Charge of the said Hospital 217

Received this last year into the Hospital of *Bridewell*, Vagrants and other indigent and miserable People, many whereof had both clothing and such other relief as their necessities required, being in great distress, and sent by Passes into their native Countries.

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Maintained in the said Hospital, and brought up in divers Arts and Trades, at the only Charge of the said Hospital, Apprentices, notwithstanding it pleased God, the Hospital, and all the Houses within the Precinct thereof (which was the greater part of its Revenue) were wholly consumed by the late dreadful Fire, besides the great loss sustained in the remains of its Revenue by two terrible Fires, the one in June 1673. and the other in November, 1682. which happened in *Wapping*.

The Hospital of *Bethlem* is of great necessity for the keeping and curing Distracted Persons, whose misery of all others is the more deplorable, because they do not apprehend the same, it disabling the Mind as well as the Body.

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Brought into the same Hospital the last year distracted Men and Women 67

Cured of their Lunacy, and discharged thence the said year 38

Distracted Persons buried the last year 17

Now remaining there under Cure, and provided for with Physick, Dyet, and other Relief, at the Charge of the said Hospital 122

The Charge whereof is great, and the Revenue of the said Hospital so small, as not to amount to one half part of the yearly Expences thereof; And the Building of the Old Hospital of *Bethlem*, being Ruinous, and not capacious to receive and contain the great number of Distracted Persons; for the admission of whom, daily applications are made to the Governours thereof.

Upon a Christian and Charitable Consideration of the Premises, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of this City of London, did lately grant sufficient ground to erect a more commodious House for the keeping and Curing the said Lunatics, and Distracted Persons: In the Building and Finishing whereof, the Governours of the said Hospital, have laid out and disbursed above Seventeen Thousand Pounds, whereby not only the whole Stock of the said Hospital is expended, but the Governours thereof have been necessitated to take up several great Sums of Money for the Finishing the same, for which they pay interest. And therefore the said Hospital is a very fit object of all good mens Charity, to do as God shall enable them, towards the relief of the said poor Lunatics, and payment of their Debts; There having been, and daily are, by the Blessing of God, and the Charge of the said Hospital, and the care of those that are intrusted therewith, divers reduced to their former Senses.

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Pray remem-

ber the Poor.